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Reid Park Zoo



Let's open with some fun stuff – this month you'll be seeing a new marketing promotion coming from the Zoo folks that'll be called *"Nothing Gets You Closer."* It'll highlight all of the many ways you can get an up close and personal experience out at the Zoo. Newly added is the camel ride, but they've also still got the giraffe feed and a ton of educational programs that are literally hands-on with the animals. On Sunday, I was out there and had the chance to touch a tiny armadillo, a bull snake, and some sort of lizard that was a couple of feet long. They make those opportunities available all the time. School groups are a common site at the Zoo.

You can get some really great value by becoming a member. There are family memberships for \$70 annually, and they also offer bargains for seniors, singles, and also for hosting your event out at the Zoo.

You can feel the sincere love of what they do when you spend time talking to the Director, Jason Jacobs, their Education Director, Vivian VanPeenen, any of the do-



Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima County Animal
Control**
243-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

cents, or the Zoological Society leadership that's made up of people like Nancy Schlegel and Diana Whitman. It's easy to tell when somebody's just going through the motions. That's not even close to being true of any of the Zoo workers I've met.

If the Board of Supervisors decides to give the voters the choice on a list of Bond election items, the Zoo will have some added amenities on that list that were heavily supported by the community during early polls that were taken by the Bond Advisory Committee. We'll soon see if the voters will be given the chance to let their voices be heard.

If you'd like to check into memberships, you can either call 881.4753, or go to the Zoo website at reidparkzoo.org.



Grant Road Repairs

The Grant Road RTA project is still years away from being finished. In fact, we still have to work through the whole discussion of allowable uses, heights, massing, and all of that before the construction gets much farther along. As we've seen with the Infill Incentive District, those issues can be tricky to work out and finalize.

We don't have years to wait on fixing the conditions of Grant. And we aren't. In March, we will be issuing a Notice To Proceed on a couple million dollar project that'll involve repaving from Santa Rita over to Columbus. That's a three mile stretch that really is some of the most needy road surface of any arterial in the City. If we were to wait on the RTA work, that segment wouldn't begin until 2017. What we're doing this year will involve a construction time of about 75 days, start to finish.

Right now, there's utility work going on around Country Club and Grant. Once we start, the segment will be a test run of a process called 'hot in-place recycling' (HIR). It's a way of repaving that rehabs deteriorated pavement and minimizes the use of new materials. By using this process, in addition to the recycling benefits, the length of lane closures can be reduced so traffic can pass through the area more quickly than under other treatment processes. Construction delays will be minimized.

Our marketing firm Kaneen will be sending out advisories to all property owners along the route within one block north and south of the construction. Local businesses along the corridor will also receive information from MainStreet, our business advocate.

I've shared before the costs associated with the various road treatment options we have. In the case of HIR, it's comparable in miles treated/cost to a mill and overlay process and is about three times less costly than a total road reconstruction. It's a good choice by our TDOT folks.

This piece of work has been a long time in coming.

Graffiti

And this piece of work is one we don't need at any time. On an equally cheerful note as potholes, but one with an equally good ending, I want to fill in a couple of policy gaps that I left out of last week's newsletter. They're related to direction we gave to staff for the eradication/abatement of graffiti blight in the City.

As many of you know, we have an abatement contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC). They do a great job, but as a general statement, they can only clean public rights-of-way. With some process we can make exceptions, but we don't unilaterally go onto peoples' private property and clean tags. That's the responsibility of the property owner. We spend nearly \$1M annually through our GPC contract.

Recognizing that we're at best treading water on this problem, we told staff last week to take off with these policy changes:

- 1) Code Enforcement (CE) will form a 'property maintenance enforcement unit' that'll be focused on graffiti, weeds, trash, etc. The unit will be formed by filling existing vacancies. Forming this unit will also help in making more timely re-inspections once a Notice of Violation has been issued to a property owner.
- 2) All City employees will now be requested through an Administrative Directive to report graffiti they see while out and about during their normal working shifts.
- 3) We're continuing to encourage GPC to contract with utilities, and also with private property owners, with favorable rates so the abatement is done in a much more timely manner than is now the case. We know that early eradication is one of the keys to keeping a lid on more tagging in a given area.
- 4) We're looking at an Ordinance change to require utilities and others to abate tags with a consistent color pallet. This will avoid the patch-work look when incorrect colors are used to paint over a tag.
- 5) We're looking at possibly front-loading our Contract with GPC and extending it to five years so they're not restricted to a specific annual limit, but could put on a full-court-press during the first couple of years with the expectation that the 'clean it early and often' philosophy would begin to yield benefits in the out-years.

I noted last week that TEP is finalizing a pilot program with GPC. When I reached out to Century Link to consider the same, they said they weren't interested, but to let them know how it worked with TEP. Not the answer I was hoping to hear.

If you spot graffiti, you can call it in to 792.CITY, email graffiti@tucsonaz.gov, submit the report online at <http://tdot.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/removal-report>, or download the smartphone reporting app at <http://tdot.tucsonaz.gov/info/phone-apps>. Include the specific location of where you see the mess. If you can email a photo of the tag, it helps TPD build cases against the most obnoxious taggers.

Red Flags

In the recent past, there have been too many instances where our attempts at constituent services have been in reactive mode. In defense of staff, in many cases the situations we've



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

been dealing with don't constitute explicit code violations and so there's no codified requirement that the Ward Office or surrounding residents be advised of an activity. However, in multiple cases there were enough red flags were present and enough questions asked that the prudent approach would have been to engage. Too often many of us don't feel as though the underlying message we're sending is being heard.



In an effort to change that, I've invited several midtown neighborhood representatives to come in and talk about what procedural changes we can propose to staff so early communication becomes the norm and we're not fighting a rear-guard action. We all know where enough of the hot-buttons exist that our ability to put some proactive processes into place shouldn't require a total rewrite of our internal policies or that we make explicit code revisions. But there needs to be more of the 'open government' we voted to implement last year. We can't simply continue business as usual.

Too often, tensions escalate and everybody digs into a defensive posture – communication is cut off. We can do better. That's the goal of my calling this group together. More to come on this as thoughts on productive changes develop.

“Homeless”

I put that word in quotes to make the point that unless we specifically define the term, it too often is used in the media in ways that perpetuate a stereotype. Along with that comes a growing animosity to the 'homeless' in general. I want to camp on this topic for a bit in the hopes of beginning a serious, community-wide consideration of how we address homelessness in a meaningful way.

I'll open with an op/ed written for the *Arizona Republic* by Linda Valdez. It ran last Friday. Here's the copy:



One of the 'dream pods' on sidewalk at downtown Tucson's Veinte de Agosto Park (Photo: Linda Valdez, The Arizona Republic)

It's worse in the wintertime. They appear out of the darkness then. Sometimes they are just sleeping in a stairwell. I hurry by. Sometimes they step out from behind a wall and ask if I have any spare change. I say no. I hurry on to the YMCA in downtown Tucson for my early morning workout.

As a liberal and a Christian, I'm not supposed to feel annoyed by these ragged men. But I do. In a month, it will be light at that hour. I'll feel safer then. But right now, the homeless scare me.

I told this to Jon McLane, who identifies himself on Facebook as "chief executive organizer" of Occupy Public Land and founder of Safe Park.

The downtown park's real name is Veinte de Agosto. For several years it's been the site of McLane's ongoing effort to "decriminalize homelessness," AKA a high-visibility homeless camp.

He and fellow organizer John Cooper got a court injunction that prevents the city from arresting people on the trumped up charge of having too many possessions with them. The homeless can sleep on the sidewalk as long as they leave a 5-foot corridor so people can pass.

About 40 people sleep on the walkways around the park, McLane said, and six couples use the portable "dream pod" shelters that were brought in to be part of what McLane calls a 24-hour, one-stop shop for homeless services and protests, "AKA a public park.

The pods made the front page of Tucson's Arizona Daily Star last week. It's a seasonal topic. Tucson has tried before to get rid of the homeless camp right before the annual Gem and Mineral Show, which starts Jan. 31.

The homeless people I see in the mornings are on nearby streets, not at the park.

McLane's response to my fears was dismissive: "I find gangsters pretty scary . . . we all have our different holdings about different people." He said most homeless people are "pretty scared," too.

He wants the city to set up campsites with plumbing for 400 to 500 people in each of the six council wards. If that happens, would the camp leave Veinte de Agosto? "We're open for compromise," he said. But they haven't shown us any good will."

Tucson City Council Member Steve Kozachik, who would like McLane to "get off the grandstand," says a community effort to address homelessness should start with more data on what services are most helpful. He's working with service providers.

A definition would help, too.

Homeless is such an amorphous term," says Kozachik. "It's not just the cohort that winds up on the front page. It's families, veterans, seniors and people who used to have careers, he said.

Last January's point-in-time count found 2,110 homeless people in Tucson. Peggy Hutchison, CEO of Primavera homeless shelter and services, said that's an unreliable number for a lot of reasons. Many homeless people try hard not to be found.

It's not just individuals who are camping out downtown," she said. The homeless include "many, many" families who are working and not making a living wage, as well as people

whose disability benefits are too low to cover the costs of housing.

People want things to be simple and clear, but homelessness isn't simple,"she said. It is complex. One thing is simple: too few services are available.

Do the individuals camped downtown give an unsympathetic image of homelessness? She seemed reluctant to answer: That's one piece of a larger group of people that are scrambling."

I told her those guys downtown scare me. Her answer was condescending: Primavera has more than 1,400 volunteers who have found working with the homeless and hearing their stories to be transformative."

Over the years, I've interviewed homeless people as part of my job. I recently talked at length with a homeless woman who showed up at church. We tried to hook her up with services but nothing was available. She'd been sleeping in an arroyo. She went to get her boyfriend and did not return.

I don't know about transformative. I found it sad and humbling. Her life was hard due to luck. Mine is easy for much the same reason.

But I don't feel so philosophical about the homeless when I'm alone on a dark street.

So there's the irony: the Occupy Public Lands protest makes people take notice of a problem many would like to forget – but what they notice may leave them unsympathetic to the larger group of homeless who are mostly invisible.

I applaud Linda for her honesty. I'm sure there are many who feel as she does. And I applaud her for bringing into the story some aspects of homelessness that too often aren't covered. Let me expand a bit on a few of those.

First though, the comment I'm quoted as having made about Jon McLane getting off his grandstand needs context.

We have groups such as Primavera, La Frontera, CPSA, and many other service providers who are working to address this multi-faceted issue. One of the things they struggle with is a stereotype of a 'homeless' person that rather superficial stories like the one the Star ran last week only serve to exacerbate. My point about McLane was that his reluctance to engage with the service community to really help get people off the street isn't helping the people he purports to represent. It furthers the stereotype that 'homeless' people are those who are sleeping in a box downtown. Here's some data to make the point. It is sourced from studies by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

First, the age of the homeless is all over the map. Youth are about a third of the homeless population. We have groups such as Stand Up for Kids and Youth On Their Own working in our City to touch those lives. I found it interesting that in rural areas, the data shows the

number of homeless children is higher than in urban locations. As for other age groups, about $\frac{1}{4}$ are 25 to 34, and there's a rising number of seniors who are homeless. That's often-times due to their inability to afford health-related costs.

The number of homeless families has also increased significantly in recent years. In fact, families with children are among the fastest growing demographic of the homeless population. They've been found to represent about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the homeless.

Let's subdivide that a little more. About $\frac{1}{2}$ of all women and children who are homeless are victims of domestic violence. That's the catalytic event causing their being out on the street. When it's safer to live in a car than to live under your roof, it's clear the choice wasn't one you made lightly.

What about veterans? The most recent data I could find was from 1994. It said about 13% of the homeless are veterans. I'm just guessing, but I'd suspect that figure is even higher now, in the aftermath of the Middle East wars.

Reflect back on Peggy Hutchison's comment that 'many families are working and not making a living wage.' A study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that 25% of the urban homeless are employed. Read that again, and then consider my comment about McLane perpetuating an unfair stereotype.

The 'homeless' do not fit into a neat general description. "They" are not solely a group that's camped out by the County Building downtown. Does the City have a responsibility to reach out to that group and offer aid? Yes. Do they have a legal right to be there? Yes. Do I believe McLane is helping educate people about the vast majority of the 'homeless' population by building boxes for a few folks to live in on the sidewalk? Nope.

So, what to do? The City has recently issued an RFP to provide homes for ten veterans and fifty Section 8 families. We have also been extremely patient with what's happening on the sidewalk downtown. At some point, it'll become a health and safety issue, but for now, it's an unfortunate and unhelpful Star headline.

Some have suggested that we create a 'camp' for the group on some piece of City property. That needs much more discussion. Does it ghetto-ize the group – out of sight, out of mind? Where would it go? What would be the cost? Would the private sector step up and help pay for it? Would the people who are now camped out downtown even want it? I've spoken to several of them and it's not uncommon to hear that they want their freedom, don't want to live in a place with rules, and don't feel safe in shelters.

This is a complex issue with lots of moving parts to it.

Regardless of the conditions that led to a person or family becoming homeless, they share some basic needs. Affordable housing is one. We might have a County Bond election coming this fall. How about we place dollars onto that for the purchase of housing dotted all around the City – affordable – so some of the single moms and their kids, or some of the seniors or veterans can move in and be our neighbors. We certainly have a number of eligible candidates in the form of vacant housing around the UA campus area.

Health Care – the State is fighting in court the expansion of Medicare. If they win, an increase in the percentage of homeless that's due to an inability to pay medical costs is predictable. And I haven't even mentioned the need for behavioral/mental health services. Last State Legislative session, they approved about \$250K statewide for Mental Health First Aid. That's a small drop in the bucket of what's needed.

I just wanted to take this space to share a broader perspective on the topic of homelessness than what has been portrayed in the local media recently. There are people on the Council who have much more experience in this field than I do, and I look forward to working with them to find ways of addressing this hugely complex moving target. The same is true of working with the service providers who are already out in the community. Ultimately, until we do a better job of educating ourselves and the general public about the real nature of why people are homeless, the ability for photo-op journalism to perpetuate an unfortunate stereotype will continue to be an easy story. And it'll get written.

Thanks to Linda Valdez for her effort at showing parts of the broader picture. And thanks to people such as Peggy Hutchison who are doing the heavy lifting of trying to address this issue, in all of its manifestations.

AC Marriott Hotel



I'm placing this item immediately below the piece on homelessness intentionally – to show a bit of the irony of 'how the other half lives,' and also to highlight the absolute need for us to support economic development in our City if we are to ever generate enough funds to tackle issues such as homelessness, graffiti, and our road conditions. Last week, we moved the AC Marriott hotel further along in the process towards its funding, and ultimately to beginning construction.

I'm in fairly regular contact with the developer and his team on this project. One of the most critical pieces of their funding package is securing what's called a HUD 108 loan. It's gap financing, filling in behind the private sector dollars they're going to use. The pri-

vate loan is in the \$40M range. The 108 money is in the \$8M range. Without the gap dollars, the private lenders won't participate. Additionally, there's a short fuse on bringing the 108 process across the finish line, or the private funding will find somewhere else to invest.

The City does not have a track record in administering HUD 108 loans. When it comes to navigating Federal financing rules, it takes somebody with a special skill set. I have been requesting the City hire on a consultant to walk this project through that HUD process so we don't miss the deadline of locking in the private dollars. Our procurement people have placed an expert under contract, and at our last meeting staff assured us that they're on target to meeting the April goal of getting the HUD loan finalized.

The hotel the City was considering back in 2009 was going to rely on public funding, with the City back-stopping loans if the hotel didn't make its profits. The City of Phoenix is now trying to find a way to fund over \$28M in losses they've had to absorb in a similar hotel deal. We dodged that bullet and now have this more conventional funding model in front of us. The project will produce local jobs, bring in visitors who'll spend their dollars, and all of that will be to the benefit of our General Fund.

Potholes, graffiti, homeless – job creation and economic development. Without the latter, you can't address the former.

More New Business

Here's an invite for the opening of a new sweet spot in downtown. On Saturday, Pie Bird will be hosting their 'pre-opening party.' They're located at 177 North Church – the party starts at 7pm. I'm sure they'd love to be overstuffing and run out of product. It should be fun.



State Budget – Local Economy

Let me close on the need for a successful local economy by circling back to the State budget Governor Ducey proposed last week. The State is saying it's not raising taxes. But by channeling more costs to the Cities and Counties, they're forcing localities to raise taxes to support the increased State-mandated costs. As we do that, it'll mean fewer dollars in your pockets for disposable income. You might not have the dough to buy a tort at Pie Bird.

Under the Ducey proposed budget, Pima County will be paying an additional \$10M to support the State. That's on top of the nearly \$86M they're already funneling up to Phoenix. That's where your property taxes are going, and if the proposed budget is approved as written, even more will head north. Since about 80% of the County budget comes from your property taxes, where do you think they'll go to get that \$10M? We're still assessing the impact the proposed budget will have on City revenues and costs. And remember that the City and County share costs on some services (jail costs and the Pima Animal Care Center, for example) so anytime that one of us has to write a larger check to the State, there's a collateral impact on the areas in which we share costs. It's one big pot of cash that comes from your kitchen table.

The “State” may not be raising taxes, but the net effect of the Ducey budget would in fact causing other jurisdictions to either raise taxes, cut services, or both.

I mentioned last week that the Legislature wants to be out of Phoenix in sixty days. In this newsletter, I’ve tried to point out how funding our local needs is a function of a healthy local economy. The State is doing us no favors in what’s now on the table. Let them know.

Gem Show

2015 AGTA COYOTE CLASSIC 5K Benefiting February 7, 2015 | 8:00 am | Santa Cruz Park on the Rillito River



Special Olympics
Arizona



JOIN US AT THE 2nd AGTA COYOTE CLASSIC 5K. THIS IS A FUN EVENT FOR RUNNERS AND WALKERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARIZONA.

When: 7:30am to check-in and pickup your packet. The 5k will begin at 8:00am .

Where: Santa Cruz Park off the Rillito River.

1406 N Riverview Blvd,

Tucson, AZ 85745

How To register & Donate or Sponsor:

<http://coyoteclassic.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1122431>

Questions: Contact Kimberly Petersen:

kimberly@agta.org or call 800-972-1162

AGTA has helped raise money for the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics for over 30 years.



AGTA
American Gem Trade Association

Speaking of what we need in order to thrive, the American Gem Trade Association is headed to town again. One of their annual community support events is the AGTA Coyote Classic 5K run. The details on how to register are shown on the graphic above. What’s not shown is how important the Gem Show, AGTA and the other vendors are to Tucson and our residents. My thanks go out to Doug Hucker and Mary Lou Keen of the AGTA for their work in putting this event together and for their commitment to the City of Tucson.

Drachman Institute / Bus Rapid Transit

I'll close with this. Last Friday, the Drachman Institute hosted another transit-related forum down at the TEP building. This presentation was on Bus Rapid Transit. In a nutshell, that's where you establish a bus corridor that provides a dedicated transit way for the bus. It reduces travel time by giving the bus signal priority, by placing the stations further apart than what's typical on our current bus routes, and by providing for fare collection at the platforms so there's no waiting for others to pay while you're boarding. The experience in Eugene, Oregon has been that more people ride because of the high frequency of service and the direct routing that's a part of the corridor development. The early data from Eugene shows travel time being reduced by 35%, ridership on a given corridor increasing by 270%, and cost per boarding dropping by 30%. Good stuff – and for us, it still needs a funding source.

As I watched the presentation I found the graphic representations of the corridor in Eugene to be impressive. I was thinking of the system in terms of how it might apply to the Broadway corridor we're now designing. It's a bit of a head-scratcher. There may need to be tradeoffs between dedicating the exclusive transit lanes and maintaining a narrow cross-width of the roadway. Why? Because there's still a question as to whether or not we're going to be funded for a four travel lane road. Adding the BRT lanes would force that decision. Digging in on a narrow cross-width will also force a wider decision on bike lanes, landscaping, preservation of existing businesses and historic structures, medians, and other design amenities. Eugene had a historic tree preservation ordinance, but other than that, I didn't see some of the challenges we're facing in the Broadway discussion on any of their visuals.

Right now, the Broadway design process is being conducted out of view of the public. I see no benefit to that in terms of building trust and providing for a robust exchange of options. If we're to address some of the possible tradeoffs that the dedicated transit lanes will force into the dialogue, that should happen now, not when decisions have been made and we're in a public hearing being asked to approve the package.

We also need clarity on whether or not four travel lanes plus two dedicated transit lanes will be fully funded by both the County and the RTA.

If we're to be about 'open government,' then let's be about the business of opening the dialogues that are now going on with respect to design options relative to the Broadway project.

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

Arabic Calligraphy Art by Abdulsattar Humeed, Ward 6, 3202 E 1st St

Friday, January 30th, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Come meet the artist and learn more about the art of Arabic Calligraphy. Abdulsattar Humeed will be present from 10:00AM until 4:00PM on Friday, January 30th, and his artwork will be on display until February 27th.

Second Annual “Shenanigans Comedy and Magic Show,”

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave

Saturday, Feb. 7th, 7:30PM

Back by popular demand, Comedy Magician Eric Buss’ critically acclaimed, *Shenanigans*: “Comedy, Magic and Mischief for the Whole Family,” will return to Tucson February 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. for a second run at the Temple of Music and Art. The 2015 version of the show features a new ensemble cast including comedy illusionists, a juggler, DJ, and the award-winning, magical antics of Tucson native Buss. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for kids and are available for sale at www.ShenanigansShow.com.

Healthy Heart Day 2015,

Saturday, February 7th at 7:30am

Join the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center for an interactive day of heart-healthy information, screenings and activities. The event includes screenings for blood pressure, glucose, breathing assessment and medication consults with UA College of Pharmacy students. Cost: \$35 per person. Special student rate: \$15. Includes a light breakfast and healthy lunch. <http://heart.arizona.edu/events/2015-02-07/healthy-heart-day-2015>

City of Tucson Workshop: License and Transaction Privilege Tax Reporting

Learn your rights and responsibilities for Transaction Privilege (Sales) Taxation by attending a Tax and License Workshop sponsored by the City of Tucson Finance Department. Questions will be answered and written materials will be available.

The workshops are free and open to the public. Email to the following address: Taxpayer-Education@tucsonaz.gov or call (520) 791-4681 for reservations or more information.

When you make your reservation, please specify the activities and subjects that you are interested in reviewing...

- RETAIL and CONTRACTING, Woods Branch Library, 3455 N. 1st Avenue Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, 10:30 a.m. to noon
- RETAIL and CONTRACTING, Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile, Thursday, Feb. 12th, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Ongoing

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St
<http://hotelcongress.com>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way
<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd
www.loftcinema.com

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave
<http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd
<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music Leo Rick Theatre, 260 S Church St
<http://www.arizonachambermusic.org/>

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.
 Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
 Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave
<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave
www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu